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SUBJECT: KING OLAF'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL

SUMMARY: KING OLAF V OF NORWAY PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO
PORTUGAL FEB 21-24. THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT ACCENTED
PORTUGAL'S DESIRE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. SEA LINKS: AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT EANES, KING
OLAF V OF NORWAY PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PORTUGAL FEB 21-24.
EMPHASIZING "OUR COMMON CONNECTION WITH THE SEA," KING OLAF
TOURED SETENAVE, A PORTUGUESE SHIP BUILDING FACILITY; THE
NAVAL MUSEUM; THE PORTUGUESE NAVAL BASE AT ALTEITE;
AND A NATIONALIZED FISH PROCESSING FIRM, DOCAPESCA.
KING OLAF HAD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME

MINISTER SOARES, AND VISITED THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
THE NORWEGIAN AND PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTERS
EXCHANGED DOCUMENTS RETIFYING A CULTURAL AGREEMENT
SIGNED IN FEB 1977.

2. NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE CITED: DURING A SPEECH AT
A STATE DINNER, PRESIDENT
EANES STRESSED ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM NORWAY
SINCE THE 1974 REVOLUTION. "NORWAY IS ONE OF THE
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH UNDERSTOOD BEST THE POLITICAL
CHANGE" IN PORTUGAL, EANES SAID, AS WELL AS THE PRICE
EXACTED BY THAT CHANGE "WHICH NEITHER THE WORLD NOR
EUROPE HELPED TO COVER TO THE EXTENT NOR WITH THE
PROMPTNESS THAT ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED." IN HIS REPLY,
KING OLAF POINTED TO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES AND STRESSED THAT BOTH HAVE MARKET
ECONOMIES AND ARE UNITED WITHIN NATO. OLAF ALSO
SALUTED PORTUGUESE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

3. EXTREMES UNHAPPY: ELEMENTS FROM BOTH THE LEFT AND
RIGHT OF PORTUGUESE POLITICS TRIED TO MAR THE VISIT.
THE KING WAS TO HAVE VISITED THE SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES
OF LISNAVE, BUT TOURED THE SETENAVE FACILITIES INSTEAD
IN COIMBRA, KAULZA DE ARRIAGA'S ULTRA-RIGHTIST "INDEPENDENT
MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION" DENOUNCED NORWAY
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COLONIAL WARS. NEITHER INCIDENT DETRACTED FROM THE
SUCCESS OF THE VISIT.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE VISIT WAS LARGELY ONE OF
PROTOCOL, IT STRENGTHENED ALREADY CLOSE LUSO-
NORWEGIAN TIES AND AGAIN UNDERSCORED PORTUGAL'S
EUROPEAN OPTION.
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